# What street will con-What's happening in the City of Fairfax **APRIL 2020**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF FAIRFAX

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) event is changing quickly, and municipalities— and their communities — are adapting to new situations daily.

welfare are our top priority. We are working closely with officials from the Fairfax County Health Department, the city's public health services provider, to carefully monitor the situation and minimize potential issues

Please stay abreast of news and information from your trusted fact-based resources: City of Fairfax (fairfaxva.gov/ coronavirus), Fairfax County Health Department (fairfaxcounty.gov, click on "Coronavirus Updates"), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.gov).

In the City of Fairfax, your health and you informed of service changes.

In an abundance of caution, munici-

palities are closing public facilities, such as schools, and postponing large-scale events. We will continue to use multiple tools to keep

We also will continue to work with regional partners to protect and serve vulnerable populations.

The city is taking extra precautions regarding facilities and services — but we also need you to follow best practices to keep yourself and others as safe as possible.

This is a quickly evolving event that may continue for a period of time. We cannot predict the future, but we can plan for potential situations and follow best practices. We encourage you to stay informed.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented situation.

#### **INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

#### City of Fairfax

website: fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus email: WeCare@fairfaxva.gov phone: 703.385.7800

Text FXCCOVID19 to 888-777 for City of Fairfax-related information and updates

#### **Fairfax County Health Department**

(City's public health services provider) Website: fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19 Call Center: 703.267.3511 Text FFXCOVID to 888-777 for Fairfax Health District information and updates

Fairfax Water (water provider)

Website: fairfaxwater.org Phone: 703.698.5800

#### Virginia Department of Health

Website: vdh.virginia.gov Phone: 877.ASK.VDH3

#### CDC. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention Website: cdc.aov

In case of emergency, dial 911

### **HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM** COVID-19

Information and graphics courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





Clean your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face.



Avoid close contact, and put distance between yourself and others.



Stay home if you're sick, except to get medical care.



Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow. Throw away the tissue, then wash your hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

# CITY NEWS



#### Census Day is April 1

Have you completed your census form? The U.S. Census Bureau sent a letter to your household with your unique code, and directions on how to complete your form online. If you haven't filled out your form, or need to request a paper form, do it today!

Your response help designate funds for vital public services — as much as \$12,000 per person. If you don't respond, you don't count, and that costs everyone in our community. Information: 301.763.INFO, 1.800.923.8282, ask.census.gov, census.gov

#### **Schools Offer Grab-and-Go Breakfast** and Lunch During School Closures

To help Fairfax families during the **COVID-19 health situation while** schools are closed, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is providing Grab and Go meals at selected sites throughout the county, including **Providence Elementary School, 3616** Jermantown Rd. Meals are available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday — and are free for students and \$2 for adults.

In addition, FCPS buses are delivering meals along some bus routes with five stops in the Fairfax HS pyramid. School buses will stop at designated intersections to deliver these meals Monday-Friday. Please check FCPS.edu for times and locations.

Information: fcps.edu, cityoffairfaxschools.org, 703.385.7910



#### **Protect Yourself: Doubt, Deny, Verify**

Scams come in many forms. The City of Fairfax Police Department urges the public exercise vigilance and protection with three easy actions.

- Doubt unsolicited emails, calls, and sales visits to your home or business. Legitimate organizations and government agencies don't intimidate, ask for personal information, or accept cash, gifts cards, or crypto-currency. Remember, Caller ID can be faked.
- **Deny** money or personal information until you verify.
- Verify by calling the actual business or office. Still not sure? Call Police Dispatch at 703.385.7924, day or night.

#### Real Estate Tax Relief, **Rent Relief Applications Due April 15**

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax relief and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities. Different types of relief are granted to qualified applicants on a sliding-scale and based on income.

- Qualified homeowners may choose basic tax relief, tax deferral, tax freeze, or combination tax freeze and deferral.
- Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.
- Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent and total disabilities. Current program participants have received renewal forms from the Finance Department. New applicants may request an application package by mail.

Submissions are due April 15. 703.359.2486

#### **Curbside Leaf Collection Tuesdays** in April

On Tuesdays in April, vacuum trucks collect loose leaves raked to the curb in residential neighborhoods that receive city curbside refuse collection service. Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 am on collection days: April 7, 14, 21, and 28. Bagged leaves are not collected in April. 703.385.7810, 703.385.LEAF

#### Glass Recycling Options

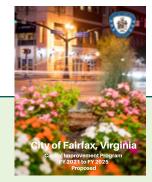
#### UPDATED:

PURPLE CAN CLUB IS SUSPENDED and Purple Can containers have been removed throughout Fairfax, Including Page Avenue.

City residents are encouraged recycle household glass jars and bottles at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Rd., Fairfax) and I-95 Landfill Complex (9850 Furnace Rd., Lorton).

Fairfax City recycling crews will continue to collect glass curbside, until further notice.

Information: fairfaxva.gov, search "glass recycling'



## **BUDGET REVIEW CONTINUES**; **ADOPTION SET FOR MAY 6**

Join the Mayor and City Council in the discussion of the city's proposed annual budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

The budget is the city's single most important document. It determines the future, funding projects and programs that lay the groundwork for the community's future accomplishments. The CIP identifies capital projects for the next five years, including the next fiscal year projects to be included in the budget.

#### What can you do?

- Review the proposed budget and CIP
- Watch City Council work sessions and meetings (City Hall Annex, Cityscreen-12)
- Comment on the proposed budget via Connect2FairfaxCity.com

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Budget **Review Schedule** 

April 7: Work session

April 14: Introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater

April 28: Real estate tax rate public hearing; work session

May 6 (Wednesday): Public hearing; budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12. Schedule is subject to change. fairfaxva.gov/budget, 703.385.7870

#### Stay Alert No Matter How You Travel

The days are longer and warmer, and more people are out and about: walking, cycling, and riding e-scooters and other mobility options.

As always, stay alert for your fellow travelers, rain or shine — and be courteous.

Rules to travel by: avoid distractions, be aware of your surroundings, be visible, pay attention, and obey all traffic laws.

Got questions about shared e-scooters? Visit fairfaxva.gov/dockless.



# **ELECTION INFORMATION**

## **CITY GENERAL ELECTION** MAY 5

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **NOW**

Absentee voting continues for City General Election

Final day to register to vote, or update voter registration records, before May 5 election

Final day to request absentee ballots by mail

Final day for in-person absentee voting

Polls open 6 am to 7 pm

Polling location information, voter assistance: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703.385.7891

## ote At Home

To minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19, the Office of Elections encourages voters to request and vote an absentee ballot by mail. All voters may request an absentee ballot using Reason Code 2A - My disability or illness.

#### How to request your absentee ballot application:

- Online:
  - vote.elections.virginia.gov
- Email:
  - Registrar@FairfaxVA.gov
- Mail: 10455 Armstrong Street, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Phone: 703-385-7891
- Fax: 703-591-8364

#### What comes next:

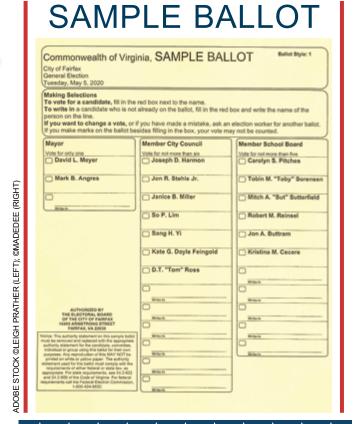
- 1. Submit a completed, signed Absentee Ballot Application form.
- 2. Office of Elections will mail you your ballot.
- 3. Vote your ballot at home (see notes below).
- 4. Return the ballot.

#### Please note:

- Your ballot will be mailed within three days of receiving and approving your signed application.
- Allow sufficient time to receive and return the voted ballot by mail.
- DO NOT DELAY in requesting or submitting your ballot.

Information: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703.385.7891











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# Fire Department Awarded CPSE Accredited Agency Status



The City of Fairfax Fire Department received Accredited Agency status with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). This prestigious recognition was given for meeting the criteria of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's (CFAI) voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program.

The city joins 87 fire departments across the U.S. that hold both the ISO Class 1 Rating and Accredited Agency status.

There are currently 270 accredited fire departments in the United States, Canada, and U.S. Department of Defense installations across the world.

Information: 703.385.7940



### WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

The city needs people LIKE YOU to fill the following vacancies on these boards and commissions: Board of Building Code of Appeals (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a city resident); Community Appearance Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Historic Fairfax City, Inc . (one vacancy for a city resident); Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident); Personnel Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident and one vacancy for an alternate member). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter at their current address.

To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov and search "board vacancies," or call 703.385.7935. **Deadline: April 14**